

Sidewalk Poetry Update
October 2018

SEMAC Grant

Thanks are extended to Mark Gleason for taking on the SEMAC grant application and to Teresa Jensen and Kathy Rush Vizina for meeting with us to review the document prior to submission. As was discussed during our September ACC meeting, we added an element of diversity to the application with the incorporation of Spanish translations of poems. The grant is titled "Sidewalk Poetry 2019: New Voices/Nuevas Voces." Angelica Linder of the Public Library staff and Becky Boling, winning Sidewalk Poet and professor of Spanish at Carleton College, have agreed to participate in the project. Now we await SEMAC's decision.

Rental of Poetry Molds

Sean Simonson of the Public Works Department has developed the paperwork that will enable citizens to rent poetry molds for use on private property. He has posted information to the City website. I have expressed our appreciation to him for formalizing the process. We will now need to publicize this element of our project (press releases, Facebook, ACC website page promotion, etc.).

On the Public Works Permits page on the City website, Sean added this text:

Sidewalk Poetry Reservation Form

A [Sidewalk Poetry Reservation Form \(PDF\)](#) is required to rent a poetry stamp for personal use. Residents may choose the poem of their liking on the backside of the form.

Sean added this text to the Sidewalk Poetry page on the website:

As a bonus for Northfield residents, anyone wishing to have a poem installed on their own property, the installation stamps of the winning poems are available for use with a damage deposit. Interested persons should contact the Public Works Department at 507-645-3020 for information about using a stamp on private property. [Sidewalk Poetry Reservation Form](#)

The City has established \$50 as the rental fee. The fee will be fully refunded upon return of the poetry mold in acceptable condition. The Reservation Form that has been created lists every sidewalk poem on the back of the form.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Jean Flom